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Hawley Pleads for Fighters' Pension

Representative Hawley is making an endeavor to have the Indian war veterans' pension bill changed by congress to make thirty days instead of ninety the term of service entitling the beneficiary to a pensionable status. In arguing the proposition before the house of representatives at Washington Hawley recalled some of the early Indian experiences in Oregon. In part he said:

"In southern Oregon, for instance, on the Rogue river and on the Umpqua river, through which wagon trains came over the old Oregon-California trail, running along the boundary between Oregon and California, the Indians would watch until the wagon trains were on the river and were ferrying their stock and wagons across. The plan was usually to take the stock and women over first. The men stayed back to guard those who were on the side from which they were departing, some few having gone on ahead. The Indians would suddenly strike at the women and children, swooping down, seizing what they could and carrying them away. If the men were watchful they might check them. They would apply to the settlers, sending out couriers for aid, and for many miles around these men volunteered, furnished their own equipment, and came there to either succeed or die in the relief of those people.

"In addition to the arguments that have been made in behalf of those who were regularly enlisted in the United States service, and for those who were regularly enlisted in the state service, I want to make a plea for those who rendered volunteer service and who can prove their services. They, too, are worthy of recognition."

Beets and Oil Excite Siskiyou

The region around Montague and Gazelle, in northern California, is excited over developments in Shasta valley and the prospective establishment of a beet sugar factory at Greendale, a Southern Pacific station, midway between the two places.

The stir is accentuated by the news that the foothills are being prospected for oil under the direction of S. A. Wood, a Standard Oil representative.

This prospective is based on the fact that Judge Weir, D. S. Cones and T. H. Rominger, capitalists from Indianapolis, who have bonded 5,000 acres recently in Shasta valley, are negotiating for the larger ranches of S. T. Latham and H. P. Orr.

A townsite has been laid out at Greendale and the map filed for record.

Drilling for oil is under way in the foothills.

"The Only Girl" At Page, Medford

"The Only Girl," the new musical comedy which Joe Weber will present at the Page Theatre, Medford, Friday, March 10, is to a certain extent a new type of this popular theatrical fare. In writing the book, Henry Blossom, librettist, has provided what might be termed "a real comedy" which might stand alone without its lyrics, which are admittedly of a higher order than usually allotted, and the brilliant score which has been added by Victor Herbert. Not in a long time has this composer been quite so happy in providing tuneful airs as he has in "The Only Girl." In offering this new musical play, Manager Joe Weber engaged a cast which, while there was an absence of so-called "stars," comprised a company that proved notable for its "team work." Among them are Edna Munsey, Cecilia Navasio, Elsie Baird, Regina Richards, Anna Walwer, Genevieve Houghton, Franklyn Farnum, Frank Coombs, Thomas Burton, Russell Lennon and Alfred Fisher, special orchestra.

The Albany Lumber Company will cut 1,645,000 feet in the Santiam national forest.

The Oswego cement plant at Roseburg has laid three miles of track from Carnes to a limestone quarry.

Three Pacific coast states have 40 per cent of all the undeveloped water-power in the United States.

Puts in Speedy Shoe Nailer

An electric sole-nailing machine, one which drives 250 nails per minute and nails a sole on a shoe in nine seconds, has been installed at the Eastern Supply Company. The machine is absolutely the fastest built and but few shops in the United States are equipped with them, and probably only one other shop in Oregon. The Eastern Supply Company now has a most complete and up-to-date set of shoe-repairing machinery.

Will Stage Movie Thriller Near Here

Messrs. Allen and Withington, the Medford photographers who took the motion pictures of the Rogue River valley woven together with a thread of drama, which made such a hit at the Oregon building at San Francisco throughout the fair, proclaim that the Pacific Highway has opened up a wonderful assortment of scenic settings which they will use in several picture dramas which they contemplate staging. A motion picture producing company has been organized for the valley with these gentlemen as the prime movers.

A picture is now being prepared for production and will be staged in the Siskiyou mountains. The plot of the scenario revolves around a raid upon a "moonshiners' camp in the Siskiyou, with a romantic theme woven in with sensational features.

Among other settings in the vicinity of Ashland it is planned to have the Jackson hot spring, scenes on the Siskiyou grade and on Mount Ashland used. The heroine will be threatened with death in the hot spring, the hero will jump from one of the concrete bridges near Steinman to a moving picture train on the railroad below, and other "thrillers" making use of the thousands of "different" settings near this city used.

A commercial motion picture studio will be established near Medford, in all probability. The weather and atmospheric conditions of the valley are said to be ideal for motion photography and the valley affords an unlimited variety of settings.

General Sooy Smith Dead at Medford

General William Sooy Smith, commander of Union cavalry during Grant's Shiloh and Vicksburg campaigns, with a long and honorable Civil War record, died Saturday at Medford in his 86th year. Born in Ohio in 1830, he was graduated from West Point in 1853.

Leaving the army at the close of the war, he attained fame as a civil engineer in the middle west, constructing the first bridge across the Missouri river at Omaha, and solving the foundation problem for Chicago skyscrapers.

He spent his declining years upon a Medford orchard.

Seven Would Be Klamath Sheriff

So law-abiding are the good people of the great county of Klamath that the office of sheriff is found to be marvellously attractive. Seven candidates are in the field. The incidental circumstance that generous Klamath pays \$3,000 a year salary, the second highest in the state outside of Multnomah, possibly adds sweetness to the prospect. The candidates to date are:

R. R. Brewbaker, republican.
John H. Collman, republican.
George L. Humphrey, democrat.
C. C. Low, republican.
C. M. Ramsby, republican.
William Hall, republican.
J. A. Maddox, democrat.

This list includes the present incumbent, Sheriff Low, who has been compelled to resort to active belligerence on the metropolitan pavements of Klamath Falls in order to vindicate his physical prowess.

Public Civil Service employees at Portland have formed a union and joined the Federated Trades to fight for shorter hours and bigger pay.

Yoncalla votes on April 17 on \$20,000 bonds for a municipal water-works.

Better Babies, Better Parents and Better Cities is the Slogan

Beginning yesterday with suitable sermons in all of the churches, this week is devoted to the welfare of the babies of the country. The Parent-Teacher associations will sell badges on the streets, the money realized to be used for child's welfare work. The various clubs and societies of the city will devote their meetings this week to discussion of child welfare.

Every thinking person realizes that the future depends upon the good health of the babies and their proper education and development.

Babies are the raw material of civilization; the plastic clay to be wrought partly, at least, by our hands, into what form we will. If we decide that we have no responsibility for shaping and molding this clay, we show ourselves to be outside

the present trend of scientific thought. Leading thinkers, not only in the United States but all over the civilized world, are telling us that there is no better index to the intelligence of any given community than the one to be read in the conditions under which it allows its infant citizens to develop; the comfort of its houses; the purity of its drinking water; the cleanliness and care demanded of its milk producers; the civic regulations over refuse removal; the fly nuisance, paving and drainage, the provision of fresh air and recreation—and the general oversight it exercises over its sanitary conditions.

This week should be earnestly devoted to careful investigation and improvement of every condition which affects our babies.

Health Barrier To Candidacy

"I am very sorry," said E. V. Carter of Ashland Thursday night, "but my health will not permit my running for the state legislature on the republican ticket, much as I should enjoy it. I served this county once and I should like to serve it again, without that Old Man of the Sea, the Ashland normal, around my neck. Also I would enjoy making the race with a man like C. M. Thomas of Talent. I am inclined to think we could together accomplish something for southern Oregon. But my health will simply not permit my making the race. I am sure I could not stand the strain. This is a matter which no one can decide but myself, for I alone can know what my physical condition is.

"I am grateful for the many friendly assurances of support and only wish I might go to Salem and do what lies in my power to advance the interests of southern Oregon, show my affection for the people and my home by being of some real service to them. But it's impossible. To make the race would be neither just to myself nor my constituents."—Medford Sun.

Fire Damages Gillette House

Fire starting from a defective flue did several hundred dollars' worth of damage to a house on High street owned by George Gillette and occupied by H. H. Millican and family, this morning. The fire broke out in an upstairs room and burned a hole through the roof. The fire company arrived on the scene in a couple of minutes after the fire was discovered, and the fire was extinguished, but not until damage which will amount to about \$500 was done to the house and furnishings.

The house was rented furnished and was insured. The insurance will cover the loss. A number of personal belongings of the Millicans were destroyed.

Another Fire This Afternoon

As the Tidings is going to press the fire department is fighting another fire starting from a defective flue in the house on C street between Sixth and Seventh streets occupied by B. R. Stevens. The fire is of a similar nature with several others which have occurred recently and is burning in the garret.

County Treasurer's Eighty-third Call for Redemption of County Warrants.

State of Oregon, County of Jackson, Treasury Department, Jacksonville, Oregon, March 4, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds on hand for the redemption of all county warrants which were protested before October 11, 1911.

Also for the following, which were protested on October 11, 1911, to wit: Nos. 11855, 11917, 11999, 12097, 12246, 12298, 12311, 2313, 12314, 12458, 11886, 12419, 12390, 11902, 12088 and 12312.

Interest ceases on the warrants above called on this, the 4th day of March, 1916.

FRED L. COLVIG,
Treasurer of Jackson County, Ore.

Klamath Hunters Go After Coyotes

Three hundred and twenty coyotes were killed in Klamath county during the month of February as a result of the offer of \$5 additional bounty besides the \$1.50 paid by the county and state. The additional bounty will be continued for another month. In the Bly and Fort Klamath section the ranchers have combined to offer an additional \$5, making a total of \$11.50. Prevalence of rabies throughout eastern Oregon has made the campaign imperative.

Good Roads Worker Visits Ashland

George E. Boos, former secretary of the Medford Commercial Club and now secretary of the Tri-States Good Roads Association, was a visitor in the city the last of the week, and a very pleased visitor to Lithia park, which has undergone great changes since his last visit to Ashland. Mr. Boos is of course most vitally interested in the auto camp here, which he says is known to the greater part of the motorists of the coast, and will be visited by thousands during the coming summer.

Mr. Boos is one of a number of public-spirited men of the coast who have allied themselves with and are devoting their energies to the good roads work.

The Tri-State Good Roads Association has concentrated interest in bringing the good roads sentiment in the three states together. It has a large membership, recognized as a strong ally for better roads throughout the Union and particularly the three coast states.

The officers of the association, among whom are numbered the governors of California, Oregon and Washington, receive no pay for their services. All of the money paid into the association goes toward better roads. Life membership is \$10; sustaining membership, \$5 annually; contributing temporary membership, \$1.

Two Thousand Rose Slips Left

University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 29.—Two thousand choice Frau Karl Druschki rose slips are still available at the State University for free distribution to high schools, and packages of from 15 to 25 will be sent upon application to the school of extension. Three thousand slips have been given away since January 1. One hundred went to the state penitentiary, where there is no appropriation for shrubs or plants and where more attractive grounds are desired. Most of the remainder have gone to schools, dozens in number, located all over Oregon.

Mrs. John Dill Wins Prize for Slogan

Mrs. John Dill of Ashland is proudly showing friends a hundred-dollar check which she received for submitting the best slogan in the contest given by The Orchard and Farm, Luther Burbank's official organ, published by the Country Life of America, in San Francisco. Winning this contest speaks highly for Mrs. Dill's originality and ability along this line, as there were several hundred contestants. Orchard and Farm has a circulation which covers most of the fruit-producing states in the west. Mrs. Dill's slogan was "Progress and Profit for Pacific Producers."

Whose Daughters Feed the Beast

"Smashing the Vice Trust," a great motion picture depicting the fight against vice in New York city and showing Governor Whitman of New York in his great fight on vice, will be shown at the Lyric Theatre on Tuesday evening, March 7, only. The picture is a vivid portrayal of the conditions which exist in certain parts of the big cities and carries a message and a lesson for all. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw says of the picture: "A greater lesson than my own mother could have taught me." Admission will be 10 and 15 cents.

Mutt and Jeff In College Comedy

Carrying a company of fifty-four people, a carload of scenery, and bringing an entirely new performance with scenic effects, musical numbers, choruses and the entire play all different, Mutt and Jeff come to the Vining Theatre on Monday, March 13. This is a screamingly funny comic opera. A road show—not a moving picture.

The public demand for a new Mutt and Jeff has been more than realized. Gus Hill's latest version of Bud Fisher's inimitable characters, entitled Mutt and Jeff in College, is the most conspicuous innovation of recent years. The title alone suggests endless comedy situations which have been taken advantage of to fullest capacity. Not alone is the story new, but music, dances, etc., are also new and original as well. One of the most decided hits of the performance is the musical number with dancing accompaniment, "When Charlie Chaplin Marries Elaine," in which all of the popular serial film plays are represented by their principal characters, including Charlie Chaplin, Elaine, The Goddess, Pauline, The Diamond from the Sky, etc. This number calls for repeated encores at every performance. College commencement day in the Auditorium is without doubt the most hilariously funny scene ever presented on any stage. A solid hour of constant laughter; not laughter, but screams of merriment; a perfect tornado of indescribably ludicrous comedy that is simply irresistible. In fact, the show may be termed in theatrical parlance, a riot. This is the fifth and best edition of Mutt and Jeff, which will undoubtedly live for many years to come.

Yreka Highway Open in Six Weeks

Yreka News: T. A. Bedford, division highway engineer, H. S. Comley, assistant division engineer, and W. S. Lowden, resident engineer, were in Yreka the latter part of the week on a trip of inspection over the state highway from this point to Hornbrook with a view to accepting the road from the contractor, E. T. Johnson.

Engineer Bedford has put in the necessary requisition to the highway commission for money for building the approaches to the bridges in this section of the highway, and hopes to have the approaches completed in six weeks. Two maintenance men are employed on the road between Yreka and Hornbrook, and another is kept busy on the section north of Hornbrook.

W. T. Grieve For Assessor

W. T. Grieve was in the city today looking after business connected with the assessor's office. Incidentally he left his announcement as a candidate on the republican ticket for sheriff.

Mr. Grieve is probably more widely known than any other candidate for a county office. He has been identified with public life in Jackson county for a number of years and as county assessor has systematized the office so that out of chaos efficient assessments have resulted.

About April 1 Mr. Grieve will be in Ashland most of the time until the assessment rolls have been made up. He is going to make the Ashland assessment personally this year.

Over a Foot of Snow at Eugene

Ashland woke up Sunday morning to find a scant covering of snow on the ground. About an inch fell early Sunday morning but melted soon after the sun came up.

A heavy snow storm impaired light and communication facilities all over northern Oregon Sunday. Over a foot of snow fell at Eugene, the city was put in darkness and several roofs collapsed under the weight of the snow. Portland had a couple of inches only, the worst of the storm centering in the Willamette valley.

A \$7,500 cannery is planned for Coos Bay.